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7 FAM 1100 APPENDIX K DEFENSES OF UNAWARENESS, IMPOSSIBILITY OF PERFORMANCE, CONSTRUCTIVE COMPLIANCE, AND OFFICIAL MISINFORMATION

7 FAM 1100 APPENDIX L RETENTION PROVISIONS

1. **Changes:** This CT issues two new subchapters. 7 FAM 1100 Appendix K, Defense of Unawareness, Impossibility of Performance, Constructive Compliance, and Official Misinformation, and 7 FAM 1100 Appendix L, Retention Provisions.
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